

Lorita Valley Will Review Current Plays of Broadway

Mrs. Phillip Abbott announced today that Mrs. Lorita Valley will resume her lecture series at the Assistance League chapter house on Jan. 17. Mrs. Valley has just returned from her annual trip to the east. While in Washington, D.C., she attended the White House Educational Conference which will be reported to the audience at this lecture and the following lectures in the coming months. The New York theatrical season is filled with "smash hits" and she will be reviewing plays throughout the rest of the season. The two which will be reviewed in January are "Inherit the Wind," starring Paul Muni, and "Tiger at the Gates," starring Mechel Redgrave.

The Colleagues of the Assistance League will be at the refreshments for the coffee hour following the lecture.

Mrs. Calla Gregson, general chairman of the fashion show, to be given by the Assistance League, on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m., announces the following women to assist her: Mrs. L. J. Sullivan, refreshments, assisted by the 1955-56 provisionals; Mrs. Earl Stone and Mrs. Julian Rankin, tickets; Mrs. John R. Amundson and Mrs. William Brockelbank, decorations.

Elsie Dean is presenting the show, the theme to be "Preview of Spring Fashions."

Two Members Are Initiated

At the regular meeting of the Women of the Moose held Jan. 4 in the Moose Hall on Carson two new members were initiated. They were Clara Bower sponsored by Wilbert Herman and Penelope Hamis sponsored by Charmagne Hobbs. Marie Bales, Joy McCune and Victoria Kavathus were voted into the chapter.

Guest officers will fill the chairs on Jan. 16 when Evelyn Clay observes "Green Beanie Night." College members will serve as escorts. Carol Sealy, deputy grand regent, will be the speaker.

The Friendship committee held this meeting following chapter. Plans were made for a card party to be held Jan. 11 at the Moose Hall. The public is invited.

GAA Officers Plan Banquet

GAA cabinet members and their mothers held a meeting at the home of the president Beverly Sowie, Wednesday evening, Jan. 4. Those attending were: Mrs. Humphreys and Nancy Mrs. Ruben and Joan, Mrs. Stolley and Judy, Mrs. Isabel and Irene, GAA sponsor Miss Avis and Irene Masaki, Peggy Sprout, Betty Yoshida, Rachael Hogan, and Ruth McCune.

The cabinet and their mothers discussed the banquet which will be held Jan. 17 at the high school cafeteria. At this banquet, the outstanding affair of the year, election and installation of officers will be held.

After the meeting, Mrs. Sowie and her daughter served refreshments.

WSCS Meet

Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church will meet Thursday, Jan. 12, for the first meeting of the new year. The business session to begin at 10:30 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. C. P. Olson, will be preceded by a meeting of the prayer group.

At noon a luncheon will be served with the Esther Circle serving as hostesses. At this time new members will be welcomed by Mrs. Carl Bauer.

The afternoon worship will begin at 1 p.m., under the direction of Mrs. Paul Sylv. The theme will be "The Changeless Gospel in a Revolutionary Age" with Mrs. Louise Larsen, executive director of the Homer Toberman Settlement House as speaker.

REBEKAHS HOLD BUSINESS MEET

Katherine Bash, noble grand of Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347 presided at the regular business meeting held at the Masonic Temple, 1321 Sartori, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28.

Virginia Pace of Torrance was welcomed as a new member by transfer.

Shirley Letz and Dona Nelson co-chairmen used the winter theme in decorating the refreshment table.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, with Angeline Desario as chairman of the social hour.

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PRIZE WINNING HATS . . . at the Hat Show and Christmas party given by the Women of the Moose in December are shown with their wearers and the judges. From left are Nick Drale, judge; Cora Bowers, judge; Janet Riley, student nurse, sponsored by the Women of the Moose; Mrs. Marguerite Baudin, wearing the prize winning woman's hat, depicting Mooseheart; Allen Swanson and his prize winning men's hat, and in front Sharon Olson sporting the prize winning hat in the children's division.



JIME DE GALLET . . . Entertainer

Entertains At Hospital

Through the Torrance Volunteer Bureau sponsored by the Pilot Club of Torrance, the elderly persons of the Harbor General Hospital were made happy on Christmas Eve. The group brought to Torrance Jime de Gallet, well known organist. The artist visited from ward to ward seated at the organ on a jolly and entertained with all the well known Christmas songs.

The organist has appeared at Chem Parc, in Chicago; The Alpine Village in Cleveland, Wouday Bar in Detroit and Ben Folio's on Sunset Strip. He was also with the Schubert shows for three years.

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Counseling Unit Offers New Classes

"The Woman You Want to Be" will be the subject of a new class to be offered by Mrs. Edith R. Stauffer, director, at the Compton Counseling Service, 1001 E. Rosecrans, Compton, beginning Saturday, Jan. 14. This class is limited to unmarried women 20 years of age and up. It will deal with the dynamics of womanhood, assisting each member in reaching the goals that every normal woman wants to attain. The group will meet each Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

A group of vocational aptitude tests, including an IQ test, will be offered Saturday, Jan. 14, beginning at 1 p.m. A nominal sum is charged for these tests. Included are tests measuring mechanical, clerical, general sales computation and health and personal-social tests scientific aptitudes. Mental appointments are made for private interpretation of the tests. Paul Stauffer, member of the Compton Counseling Service, will administer the tests.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 9, a class in "Self-Understanding" will be offered by Ben W. Davison, member of the counseling service. This class will meet each Monday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and is still open for new members.

Additional information regarding these services may be secured by calling the Compton Counseling Service.

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Stork Story

Greeting their daughter and first child at Torrance Memorial Hospital were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Gill of 5017 Deslane. The new-comer arrived Nov. 20 at 6:35 a.m., and has been given the name of Donna Sue, Idaho grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gill and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ratterree of Gardena.

David Charles is the first son, second child for Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Harbick of 2145 Plaza Del Amo. The young man put in an appearance Nov. 27 at 10:36 a.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital with a birth weight of 8 lb. 11 oz. He is being welcomed at home by sister, Evelyn Joy, age 2. Michigan grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Harbick and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lovelady of Torrance.

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Nov. 28 will be celebrated as the birthday of Alan Lynn, new son for Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. J. Mahoney of 20016 Tallman. The young man arrived at 12:20 a.m. on that date at Torrance Memorial Hospital and balanced the nursery scales at 6 lb. 3 1/2 ozs. He is now making the acquaintance of sister, Deborah, 2 1/2, and brother, Michael, 15 months. Oregon grandmother is Mrs. Elva Miller and San Diego grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Meats Sr. and Mrs. M. and Mrs. Milo Gilbert of 2511 Arlington Ave., welcomed their first child on Dec. 5, in Torrance Memorial Hospital. A daughter arrived at 9:04 a.m. and weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. Future playmate will call her Theresa Marie and she is granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Noel A. Morin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert, all of Torrance. Her father is a bus driver for Torrance.

Patricia Lynn is the new baby daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wayne Lowry of 4207 W. 154 St. She arrived at 2:01 p.m., Dec. 20 at Torrance Memorial Hospital where she tipped the nursery scales at an even eight pounds. Hawthorne grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Yeomans and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lowry.

First child for Mr. and Mrs. David R. Smith of Redondo Beach is David Carl who balanced the nursery scales at 5 lb. 8 oz. when he arrived Dec. 21, at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Clock in at 3:10 a.m. he is grandson to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith, Arkansas; Mrs. Vera C. Schinkel of Colorado.

Second daughter and fifth child for Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell of 3813 W. 181 St., is Anita Rachele who joined the family Dec. 19 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 6 lb. 4 oz. miss arrived at 1:17 p.m. and is sister to Bobby 6:15; Wilsey R. 12; Quintin and Linda Machele 2. Oklahoma grandparents are Annie F. Mitchell and Mary F. Rogers.

Timothy Michael is the fourth son for Mr. and Mrs. Tad L. Brown of Redondo Beach. His arrival was timed at 1:20 a.m. on Dec. 18, at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 7 lb. 7 oz. young man is now making the acquaintance of brothers, Tommy 12, Terry and Jerry 7 and a sister, Becky 6. Utah grandparents are Mrs. Ada Fontgomery and Mrs. Mary Woods.

Making it three in the small fry department at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Schultz of 2522 Cabrillo Ave., is Steven Curtis who joined the family at Torrance Memorial Hospital on Dec. 20 at 5:52 a.m. The 7 lb. 1 1/2 oz. new-comer is brother to Billy, 21 months; and Gail Susan 5. Torrance grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Munroe Schultz.

A daughter has joined the family of Mr. and Mrs. Paul William Bennett of 4202 W. 161 St. Paul William, Jr. 13 months will call his new baby sister, Pamela Ann. She arrived Dec. 20 at 5:55 a.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital and balanced the nursery scales at 7 lb. 13 1/2 ozs. Lawndale grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Honseler of Redondo Beach, welcomed their first daughter, Cathy Ann, on Dec. 22 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 5 lb. 13 1/2 oz. girl was clocked at 4:39 p.m. and is sister to William James 4 1/2. Redondo Beach grandparents are Hans Honseler and Tina Schead.

Laurel Suzanne 4 1/2 and Brian Stuart 8, are selling pyromates about a new baby brother in the robust person of Marvin Eric who joined their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McLaughlin of 824 Via Linda Vista, on Dec. 22, at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Weighing 8 lb. 7 oz., he is grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koerner of South Gate.

Second daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Kunkel II, of 12026 Doty Ave., is Kathryn Elizabeth who tipped the scales at 6 lb. 11 oz. in Torrance Memorial Hospital when she arrived Dec. 21 at 9:35 a.m. Her 14 months old sister is Pamela Dawn and Alhambra, Calif. grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hayden and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Kunkel.

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Halldale

The spirit of Christmas prevailed at the December meeting of the Halldale Avenue School PTA. Highlight of the program was the entertainment by the children's chorus of Halldale School directed and accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Adams.

Traditional carols were sung by first sopranos: Peggy Cast-steel, Sue Williams, Cathy Wilson, George Crane, Orrin Riddell, Benny Rowley; second sopranos: Tommy Bowling, Robert Ingram, Jimmy Roberts, Dan Yoshi; altos: Maxine Clark, Rosemary Mahaffey, Donna Myers, and Carole Saieido, Jimmy Sondergaard.

The Christmas Strings were played, "Violins" by Joyce Patton, Charice McNeese, and Wendy Kincaid; "Cello" by Sandra Sondergaard, "Bass" by Kathy Deeb, and "Piano" by Peggy Young.

Mrs. Margaret Jensen B-4 class presented "A Token in Choral Verse—'Twas The Night Before Christmas"

Mrs. Ray Rhoads conducted the November PTA Christmas party in the absence of the president, Mrs. Harold Croley. Mrs. Edward M. Clark, citizenship chairman, led the pledge of allegiance. She also explained the meaning of the Bill of Rights.

The Christmas paper gathered by willing hands, the recent paper drive at Halldale over the top of their goal. Students of room B-1, Mary Mares, teacher, carried off the honors of the drive by collecting the most in the lower grade and room A-6, Don Deeth, and B-4, Georgia Corrigan, teachers, took honors for the higher grades. Mrs. E. F. Mahoney, ways and means chairman presented William T. Walton, principal, with a check of \$89.46 proceeds of the paper drive.

Mrs. T. W. Moore, child welfare chairman, reported on special projects. One thousand dolls were ready for distribution which were made from the scraps and yarn collected for the November PTA Christmas party. The project in the San Pedro-Lomita PTA area was the January project will be sweaters for Harlan Shoemaker School she said. Clean sweaters for pre-school to 16 years of age would be welcomed. For more information contact Mrs. Moore.

The Christmas party for the students at Halldale was held Dec. 20. The party featured candy, ice cream and the Christmas tree.

The executive board had met at the home of Mrs. Ray Rhoads, vice president for their Christmas meeting and party. The board voted to award an honorary life membership to the Founder's Day meeting in February. A life membership committee was named at the brief business session. After the meeting the members enjoyed refreshments and exchanged gifts. Guest for the day was Mrs. William T. Walton. Hosts were John W. Ry-

New son and heir for Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Baxter of 1307 Beech Ave., is Russell Wayne who put in an appearance Dec. 20 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Clock in at 6:53, he tipped the scales at a husky 9 ozs. Torrance grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raub and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunbar.

David William is the first child for Mr. and Mrs. William D. Mershon of Redondo Beach. The 1 lb. new-comer checked in at Torrance Memorial Hospital, Dec. 18 at 12:06 p.m.

Torrance Herald printer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Andre of 2445 W. 247 St., Lomita, welcomed a baby daughter in the wee person of Mrs. Erma Bennett, fifth grade teacher, won the fifth prize by having 100 percent parents present.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Kenneth Judd, honorary life chairman were Mrs. W. E. Hodell, C. L. Thompson, and Frank Solis. Mrs. R. F. Dohner, president, was elected to serve on the nominating committee for the Torrance Council of PTA. Mrs. Kenneth McVey is alternate.

Mrs. James Nichols, welfare chairman gave a report on the great number of donated canned foods to be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to needy families.

Mrs. Alta Hirsch, newly re-elected library chairman, brought the group up to date on the progress of compiling books. A workshop is to be held Jan. 10 at the school.

Mrs. Eva Reynolds, Newsette chairman, was complimented on her first issue of Newsette. John Strom, principal, thanked the executive board and each PTA member for their cooperation in the past year and wished them success in the New Year.

El Nido PTA Association will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the teachers' room at the school. Mrs. W. A. Wright will be on hand at this meeting as deputy registrar to register all

High School

February meeting of the high school PTA will be held tomorrow evening, Jan. 10, at 8 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.

In keeping with the theme of this year's programs "Teamwork Does It," Mrs. Charles Curtis, program chairman, announces that tomorrow's topic for discussion will be "Vocational Training." Mrs. Curtis states that the program should be of interest to the fathers of Torrance High students as well as other members of the organization.

There will also be a shop display. Harold Strohm, vocational department head will introduce the following faculty of that department who with selected students will explain the work in the department and the displays: Galen Croley, Thomas Bray and Leon Jacobsen. Music for the evening will be furnished by a girls' trio under the direction of T. R. Hawley.

Sophomore mothers will serve as hostesses for the evening under the supervision of Mrs. A. Krauszer, hospitality chairman.

The first morning meeting held at the 186th Street PTA is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Jan. 12. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting rather than after as is the usual custom. Parents are invited to meet in the teachers' room at 9:30 a.m. for a social period and then adjourn to the meeting at 10 a.m. in room 1.

This meeting will be of particular interest, as a panel of teachers, led by Miss Saxton, will discuss "Report Cards and Grading." Since this is a subject that is often misunderstood, this is the chance for parents to find out first hand just how their children are graded, and why. A film, "Remember Me," is also scheduled and will be narrated by Mrs. Charles Blum, a representative of the March of Dimes Foundation.

The previously scheduled subject, "Immunizations and School Examinations" had to be canceled due to the illness of the school nurse, Miss Ruthia Shuler. However, the panel discussion is sure to be of equal interest and is of vital importance to most parents of school age children.

The association is anxious to find how a morning meeting will be accepted and hope that many parents will make a special effort to come at 9:30 and greet teachers and other association members.

Parent-Teacher Association of Perry School will continue its nautical tonic heading in their program "Happy Days at Sea" at the meeting Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the school.

A film on mental health called "Angry Boy" an emotional problem of a young boy will be shown. The program is under the direction of Mrs. T. A. Jackson. Mrs. Eugene Phillips, parent education chairman has planned an open discussion after the film.

The December meeting was a program by the children of Perry who presented a play "Christmas in Other Lands." Several selections by the orchestra were given under the direction of Mrs. Doris Crozier.

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Scout Trails

TROOP 1368

Mothers Club of Junior High Troop 1368 planned a Christmas party for the troop. The girls were taken to the "Wizard of Oz" stage play at St. Anthony's School by Mmes. Richard Hayes, Cieta Holly, and Leon Lewis.

Later, they were taken to the home of Mrs. Don Robinson, where they exchanged gifts. Leaders, Mrs. John Ruckle and Barbara Nix, were presented gifts by the troop. Friendship pins were presented the girls. Barbara Nix and Mrs. Adelaide Brest, past leader, who was a guest at the party.

A luncheon, consisting of seaweed loaf, relishes, gelatine salad, cocoa and ice cream snowballs, was served by the troop.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, the troop caroled at homes of friends and at a rest home in Gardena. After caroling, they were guests of leader, Barbara Nix, where they spent the evening singing and were served doughnuts and cocoa. Mr. James Keith, who formerly worked with the troop, was also a guest at the Nix home.

The troop caroled at the Harbor General Hospital on Friday evening. Transportation was furnished by Edward Brady, Mrs. Maurice Enright, and John Ruckle.

TROOP 732C

Torrance Elementary auditorium, with a huge white Christmas tree, was the scene for the December meeting of Pack 732C on Thursday, Dec. 22.

The flag ceremony was led by Den 2, Lee Polick, cubmaster assisted by P. White, gave awards to Michael Corey, Keith Patton, Billy Sullivan, John Phillips, Harry Brown, and Ricky Branch. Tom Denman received a graduation certificate, a Boy Scout handbook, and a pennant on which all the awards have been placed. He becomes a member of Boy Scout Troop 223. Year pins were given to Robert Battaglia, Jerry Hursel, and Edwin Fisher.

Birthday wishes were sung to Cubs Denman, Hurst, and Daney. "Remember Me," "The Night Before Christmas" film was shown to the group prior to the arrival of the star, "Santa Claus," who helped distribute gifts to all the Cubs and their young guests.

Den 5 sang "Come Hither Ye People" followed by Den 4 singing "Jingle Bells." The program was rounded by the Phi Kappa and Mrs. Ralph Engstrom, Den 1 and 6 joined together to sing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful." The assembled parents and Cubs with Mrs. Ben Irwin and Mrs. Roy Gore sang several carols.

The desperate need of Los Angeles and Webster Leaders was expressed by Karl Rainey, chairman of the committee. "Silent Night," sung by Den 4, closed the meeting.

TROOP 209

Nativity annex was the second last week of a gala Christmas party held for the Boy Scouts Troop 209.

The party given by the committee consisted of spirited competition and delicious refreshments.

Rodney Stetson won a wrist compass for the "nattiest" appearance.

Scoutmaster Bob Wertz was presented with a Christmas present. The feature of the occasion was the admittance of John O'Neil, Michael Farrell, Arthur Grant, Robert Niles and Rodney Stetson to the rank of tenderfoot.

Special guest was Paul Albright neighborhood councilor.

PACK 726C

Cub Pack 726C of Seaside Heights held their monthly meeting in El Retiro Park, Dec. 16. Den 3 presented the colors. The following awards were made by John Keyes: bear badge, Mike Talbot, Skipper Brown, 7 pin badges and silver arrow, Gary Spies, bobcat pin, Ronnie Johnson, Donny Den 3, Donny Caidon; two year pin, Butch Drake and John Stanley.

Den 3 received the honor pennant for appearance and completeness in uniform.

A program "Christmas in Our and Other Lands" was given with Den 3 presenting the Mexican pinata ceremony. Den 3 gave a reading on "Christmas in China and Czechoslovakia." Den 3 presented "American Christmas" with caroles wearing white collars and red bows.

The Whites presented the Nativity scene and narrated the Christmas story.

Den 3 served refreshments.

TROOP 728

Boy Scout Troop 728 is beginning the new year with a new co-sponsor, the Rotary Club who joins with the Fern Greenwood PTA in sponsoring the 30 boys. The troop under the direction of Herman Bodman enjoyed a high each month since its organization two years ago.

During the Christmas vacation a trip to "Tide-pools" where the boys collected marine specimens including shells, starfish, small octopuses, an abalone and various rocks. An outing with a western touch is being planned for later this month.